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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE BEGINS TO SLOW IN SOME
EC COUNTRIES

1. UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO RISE
BUT SOME EXPERTS ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE REDUCED RATE OF IN-
CREASES IN GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM WHICH THEY
VIEW AS A SIGN THAT UNEMPLOYMENT WILL SOON LEVEL OFF.
ACCORDING TO THE LATEST STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE EC COM-
MISSION THERE ARE NOW APPROXIMATELY 5,690,110 UNEMPLOYED
PERSONS IN THE COMMUNITY AS COMPARED WITH 5,306,004 LAST
MONTH AND 4,227,688 AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

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2. THE MOST RECENT EC STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY	JAN 76 CENT	PER	JAN 76 CENT	PER	NOTE
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BELGIUM	229,236	8.7	147,799	5.7	3
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GERMANY	1,350,990	5.9	1,154,295	5.0	2
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IRELAND	112,966	10.1	91,095	8.1	1
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NETHERLANDS	238,726	6.1	197,752	5.2	2
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GREAT BRIT.	1,372,381	6.0	742,000	3.3	2
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N. IRE.	57,988	11.1	34,407	6.6	2
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DENMARK	157,300	7.7	116,700	5.7	2
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FRANCE	1,009,700	6.0	723,400	4.3	2
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LUXEMBOURG	623	0.5	140	0.1	2
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ITALY	1,160,200	6.0	1,020,100	5.3	1
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NOTES:

(1) PERCENTAGE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE WORKING POPULATION;

(2) PERCENTAGE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE TOTAL OF EMPLOYEES;

(3) PERCENTAGE CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUNDS.

3. AS THE MISSION HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, EC STATISTICS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE DERIVED FROM REPORTS FROM THE LABOR MINISTRIES OF THE NINE AND ARE NOT EXACTLY COMPARABLE BECAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES ARE CALCULATED BY DIFFERENT METHODS IN VARIOUS MEMBER STATES.
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